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Objection to town petition to be heard today

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

Three Granite City Township officials may decide today whether township residents will be allowed to vote on the future of their government.

The township electoral board — Township Supervisor Bernie Hagnauer, Town Clerk Judy Whitaker and Trustee Casmer Skubish — is scheduled to conduct a hearing today in Edwardsville on an objection to petitions filed

to place a referendum on the Nov. 5 ballot. David Partney, who has announced his intention to run for mayor next April, filed petitions Aug. 19 to place the referendum on the ballot. The petitions, containing 1,871 signatures, call for the following question to be put to township voters:

"Should township organization be continued in the city of Granite City?"

A "yes" vote would be in favor of continuing township government. A "no" vote would be in favor of eliminating it.

County Clerk Debbie Saltich determined that 1,835 signatures — 10 percent of the registered voters in the township — were needed to place the question on the ballot.

But Debbie Gray, an employee of Township Assessor Darlene Laub, filed an objection to the petitions Monday.

Gray's objection questions the validity of 363 of the signatures. It also alleges that two of the persons who circulated the petitions were not registered voters the entire time they solicited signatures; that another circulator is not

registered to vote at an address in the township; and that some of the petitions were circulated by someone other than the person who claims to have circulated them.

Of the 363 signatures challenged, 173 were those of persons who are not registered to vote at the address listed; 35 were of persons residing at addresses not located in the township; 61 were incomplete names; 29 were printed rather than signed; and 25 were not registered voters, according to Gray's registered voters, according to Gray's

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The old Chain of Rocks Bridge may see new life as a pedestrian and bicycle trail if plans of Gateway Trailnet are realized.

Plan for old bridge advances

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Plans to turn the old Chain of Rocks Bridge into a pedestrian and bicycle trail received a boost when the pipeline company holding the lease on the bridge agreed to give the remainder of the lease to Gateway Trailnet.

Gateway Trailnet is the group attempting to turn the bridge into

a pedestrian and bicycle trail.

On Tuesday Lou Mavros, Gateway's project manager for the bridge, said Illinois Carrier had agreed to give the group the remainder of the lease, which runs out in 1997.

Mavros was at a Madison City Council meeting to speak with City Attorney Casper Nighohossian about obtaining council approval for the transfer.

The bridge, closed to traffic in 1968, is owned by the city of Madison.

Gateway Trailnet is a nonprofit land trust dedicated to obtaining and preserving greenways. Group officials have said the renovation and conversion of the bridge is their highest priority.

If successful, the bridge would be the longest pedestrian and bicycle trail in the world.

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Letters force extra security

Letters written by murder suspect Kelly L. McGinnis justify extra security precautions taken to protect Madison County Associate Judge Ann Callis-Rongey, her father says.

"I give credit to and am thankful that the Major Case Squad (of Greater St. Louis) asked me to get my family out of the area," Granite City-based attorney Lance Callis said.

Callis-Rongey has been in hiding since Aug. 14, two days after McGinnis allegedly gunned down Greenville City Attorney Thomas Meyer. Callis-Rongey was the judge in McGinnis' divorce and child custody hearings, and authorities fear he may target her next.

Police have obtained letters written by McGinnis to his ex-wife and girlfriend, postmarked Thursday in Springfield.

Callis-Rongey's offices are in the Madison County courthouse, but she also hears Bond County cases. Access to the courthouse remained restricted to one door on Monday, the second week of new security measures since the murder. County officials said they plan to keep it that way.

The County Board's Buildings Committee turned down a request Monday from Sheriff Bob Churchich to help pay for the security upgrades. He said he wants to make them permanent.

"We had a consultant recommend two years ago that we improve security at the courthouse, and we've been trying to do what I tell you to do," Churchich said. "This may be

Letters not threatening

GREENVILLE — Investigators believe murder suspect Kelly L. McGinnis was alive and in Illinois late last week after obtaining letters mailed to his ex-wife and girlfriend.

The two letters were postmarked Thursday in Springfield, 10 days after the slaying of City Attorney Thomas Meyer and the disappearance of McGinnis. He is the only suspect in the murder, having been seen outside Meyer's office hours before the crime.

In the letters, which have been authenticated, McGinnis beseeched his ex-wife to take care of their children and apologized to his girlfriend for his absence, sources said.

Greenville Police Chief John King said the letters are not overtly suicidal nor threatening.

"All I can say is there's nothing in the letters that would indicate he did not commit the murder," King said. "However, sources who have read the letters said they contain statements that may be construed as suicidal. Greenville police and the U.S. Marshal

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inconvenient to the public, but we're talking about the safety of the judges. (See SECURITY, Page 2A)

Arrest made in S. Carolina

Man charged with kidnapping

By Bob Slate
Staff writer

A 28-year-old military man from South Carolina was charged Tuesday with raping his former wife — a 26-year-old Madison woman — in Granite City and kidnapping their two small children.

The man was charged with kidnapping and aggravated criminal sexual assault in a felony warrant. Bond on the warrant is \$150,000.

The suspect was arrested in South Carolina Wednesday morning. Capt. Jim Lengyel of the Granite City police department said.

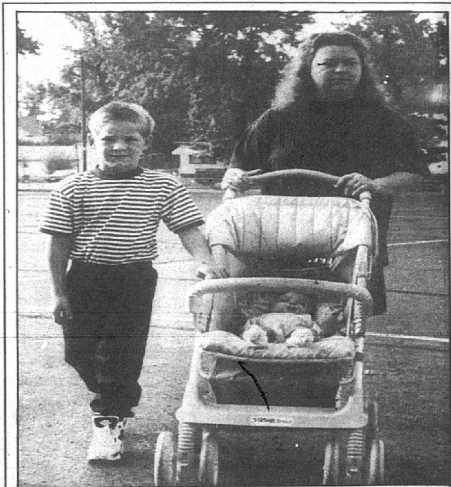
The two children were with the man when he was arrested, authorities said. They are staying with relative there at present.

The victim told police that the suspect, from whom she has been divorced for three years, picked her up at her Madison residence at 7 p.m. Sunday and took her

to dinner at the Ponderosa restaurant in Granite City, where they discussed the couple's two children, ages three and four years.

When the victim and her former husband finished eating at about 8 p.m., the two returned to his truck and the woman told him to take her home, according to a police report.

But the man refused and said, "Look, you're going to do what I tell you to do." (See ARREST, Page 5A)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESI)

First day — Joseph Raines, an incoming Harris School first grader, had plenty of company on his first day to school on Tuesday. In addition to his mother, Darlene Raines, three-and-a-half-month old Brionna Spivey, Raines' granddaughter, also made the trip. More photos on Page 5A.

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John Fuller, Chief Meteorologist, KSDK NewsChannel 5

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Top Teen

When Amanda Solomon does something, she goes all-out. The GCHS senior is not just a member of National Honor Society — she's president. She's not just a debater — she's the team captain. She's the president of Aetecns and vice president of Science Club.

Amanda was not only chosen for the Belleville Area Youth Salute, she was selected as fine female "Leader of the Year" from among 281 students of 26 area high schools participating. Her other school activities include ALPHA peer leader, DARE role model, scholar bowl, Win With Wellness, Math Team, Speech and Theatre Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.



Amanda Solomon

Man wounded in drive-by shooting

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

A California man in town for a funeral was mistakenly shot in a drive-by shooting in Venice early Wednesday morning.

Venice Police Chief James E. Newsome said police were still investigating the incident, and that someone from his office would be meeting with the Madison County State's Attorney officials either Wednesday or Thursday to seek felony charges against the suspect.

Newsome said the suspect had not been taken into custody as of Wednesday morning.

The victim — who suffered a bullet wound in his left buttock — was treated and released from St. Elizabeth Medical Center in Granite City.

Newsome said the shooting was apparently in retaliation for a fight earlier that evening between the suspect and another man — not the man who was shot. It also may have been connected to an earlier shooting.

According to police reports, at about 1:28 a.m. police responded to a report of a man shot in the 700 block of Third Street. When officers arrived, they found the victim on the ground.

Witnesses said the intended victim — who police have not been able to talk to — and the suspect had had an earlier fight on Baucum Avenue. Newsome also said there had been reports of a shot fired in that area earlier in the evening.

Several witnesses said they saw the suspect drive up in a gray car and say, "What's up now?" The suspect — who was identified by witnesses — then allegedly fired several shots with a small-caliber weapon.

Four charged with domestic battery

By Scott Cousins
Staff writer

Four people were charged with domestic battery in three separate incidents over a two-day period in Madison this week.

Benjamin H. Watkins, 26, of the 1600 block of Third Street, Madison, was charged with domestic battery and disorderly conduct after he was arrested in a store parking lot at about 6 a.m. Monday.

According to reports, an officer observed Watkins and a woman parked in a car in the 300 block of Madison Avenue. Because of a prior history of domestic violence, the officer asked the woman if she still had an order of protection against Watkins. The woman told the officer the order had expired.

During the conversation, the woman said she was "going to turn myself in to the police for stabbing him (Watkins)."

Watkins immediately told her "shut up and don't say anything to him."

Watkins allegedly continued to attempt to silence and "intimidate" the woman and was placed under arrest.

After Watkins was taken away, the woman said she came home from work at about 10:30 p.m. the previous evening and

Watkins started arguing with her. She said she finally went to bed, and woke up about 4:30 a.m. when he started yelling at her.

He then allegedly grabbed her, pulled her off the bed and hit her in the head. The woman said she picked up a kitchen knife and slashed at him, and he then dragged her to the kitchen, where she escaped and left the house.

He then allegedly followed her and forced her into his car.

Police recovered the knife.

In an unrelated incident, Mark C. Degonia, 36, of the 1500 block of Seventh Street, in Madison, was charged with domestic battery after he allegedly pushed his wife during an argument at about 9 p.m. Tuesday.

A record check showed he was also wanted on for failure to appear on charges of driving with a suspended license.

In a third case, Fernandez M. White, 24, and Freda A. Anderson, 25, both of the 1400 block of Third Street, Madison, were charged with domestic battery after police responded to their home at about 2:30 a.m. Wednesday.

Fernandez also had an outstanding warrant from Sanamon County for failure to appear on a charge of unlawful possession of cannabis.

Voter registration campaign planned

Belleville Area College's Granite City Campus will host a voter registration drive Sept. 11 and 12.

A representative of the Madison County clerk's office will be on hand both days to register voters from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the front hall of the campus, 4950 Maryville Road.

Those planning to register should be at least 18 years old and bring two forms of identification, including one with the applicant's current address.

obtain a similar grant earlier this year from Missouri — in part because it did not have the lease.

David Sellman, grant administrator for the IDNR, said it is still reviewing projects seeking grants through the Illinois Bicycle Path Program. A decision could be made within a month.

He said 38 projects totaling \$5.5 million are vying for about \$3 million in funding this year.

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—From The Telegraph

News in review

News in review provides a summary of some of the past week's stories. This column is designed for out-of-town readers who do not receive the Sunday and Wednesday Press-Record/Journals.

Bridge plan backed

Public endorsements and other information on a possible new bridge across the Mississippi River may speed up the process of naming a site, according to an Illinois Department of Transportation official.

Last week the Regional Commerce and Growth Association became the latest organization to endorse the northern alignment for a proposed eight-lane bridge.

Dale Klohr, district engineer for IDOT, said a decision on the new bridge could come as soon as the end of September.

On Thursday the RCGA endorsed the northern route, which would tie Illinois 203, Interstate 55/70, I-64 and a relocated Illinois 3 on the Illinois side to 14th and Tucker streets and I-70 in Missouri.

Woman alleges kidnapping

The Federal Bureau of Investigation may be asked to help Granite City police investigate a report by a 26-year-old Madison woman that her ex-husband held her against her will in his pickup truck, raped her and then kidnapped their children late Sunday and early Monday.

The suspect is a 28-year-old special forces member of the U.S. Army last stationed at Ft. Campbell, Ky. The victim told police he displayed a knife several times throughout the 11-hour ordeal.

The woman told police that her former husband, from whom she has been divorced for three years, held her against her will in his pickup truck, struck her in the back, sexually assaulted her, and took her children, ages three and four years.

No objections to waste plan

A proposed city-owned yard waste transfer station will have little impact on the value of nearby residential property, experts have testified.

Although all owners of nearby property were notified in writing of a public hearing Thursday on the proposed permanent facility, to be located just west of 25th Street between the Norfolk and Western railroad tracks and Center Street, none of them were present.

The proposed facility would be located at the site of an existing temporary yard waste drop-off facility. It is about 200 feet away from the nearest residential property line.

Report prompts concern

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has reported that drug use among 12- to 17-year-olds has more than doubled nationwide since 1992, and this area may be no exception.

Colleen Cameron, a certified alcohol and drug counselor at St. Elizabeth Medical Center's Behavioral Health System in Granite City, said she was not surprised by the report.

She said that the perception of drug use among teens has changed, that children are using drugs for the first time at an earlier age, and that funds for prevention and treatment are hard to come by.

Granite City Police Chief Dave Ruebhausen said the statistics are probably not accurate for Granite City.

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bicycle bridge in the world, they say.

As part of a larger system of bicycle and pedestrian trails, the bridge would be used to link the Vandalabene Trail from Edwardsville to Granite City, the Confluence Trail from Alton to East St. Louis and the

•Letters

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Service continue to search for McGinnis, King said.

The letter to McGinnis' ex-wife reportedly asked her to take care of their two children and informed her that she would probably not see McGinnis again.

The letter to his girlfriend reportedly contained a check for several hundred dollars. McGinnis reportedly apologized to her for missing a social function he had promised to attend.

McGinnis has been the focus of the manhunt since Meyer was shot several times about 6 p.m. Aug. 12 as he left his Greenville law offices. He had represented McGinnis' ex-wife in a recent divorce and custody battle.

McGinnis is charged with murder, but authorities have reported no sightings of him or his vehicle, a dark green 1995 Ford Windstar minivan with the Illinois license AWB 574.

—From The Telegraph

Riverfront Trail in St. Louis. Eventually those trails would tie in to the Katy Trail in Missouri.

City officials said there may be a special council meeting later this week to approve the transfer.

Mavros said once the group obtains the lease, Gateway can begin a fund-raising campaign for the \$3.4 million necessary to completely rehabilitate the bridge.

Of that amount, approximately \$2 million would be

used for bridge repairs; the rest would go for the approaches and other improvements.

Mavros said about \$850,000 is needed to begin work on the bridge.

He said Gateway has about \$245,000 in pledges and has applied for a \$200,000 grant from the Illinois Department of Natural Resources.

Gateway and city officials went to Springfield in June to make a presentation to the IDNR. Gateway was unable to

obtain a similar grant earlier this year from Missouri — in part because it did not have the lease.

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juries, attorneys and others at the courthouse.

The cost is estimated at under \$10,000, but Councilman Herbert Milton Jr., chairman of the Buildings Committee, said the Sheriff's Department should pay the tab.

"If (the sheriff) has a lot of money he wants to throw away let him do it," Milton said. Money at the committee's regular meeting.

The only major change needed under the plan is to remove a single doorway on the building's north side and replace it with a double door for ingress and egress.

The sheriff is proposing that new locks be put on the three other doors to make them emergency exits only.

Milton said he thinks his committee's only responsibility is to "repair, fix and keep that building standing" and that the sheriff should bear any other costs.

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-By Phil-

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Opinion

Carol's comments

GOP courts the female vote

My social life recently has taken a turn for the better, a fortuitous change, because it gave me limited time to watch television coverage of the Republican convention.

If my luck holds this week, I'll happily miss most of the Democratic love feast, too.

A few weeks back, if my readers recall, I was anticipating both the extravaganzas as a child looks forward to the circus.

Humiliating as it is to eat one's words, I must do so.

There were no fun and games, just Dullsville. Not a laugh all week, no knock-down-drag-out brawls, only so-so speakers preaching to the choir.

Unless the Democrats let Ann Richards have a shot at the podium, there's little reason to expect anything better from this week's performances.

I caught a re-run of Colin Powell's speech (not bad) but missed what must have been the best of the week, that of Sen. John McCain.

The keynote of cute-peppy-preppy Susan Molinari? Yawn.

Bob Dole's acceptance speech might have sounded better if Elizabeth had delivered it and I suspect most of the support he may have hoped for from educators has now been flushed down the toilet.

Speaking of Molinari, am I wrong in noticing what was almost excessive TLC for the ladies at the GOP shindig?

Naturally, we assumed appearances from Messdames Dole and Kemp, together with a group of kids, grandkids, uncles, cousins, aunts, etc., but the daily programs seemed to indicate that, at least in terms of speakers, Republican convention planners went strongly for equal opportunity in terms of women.

True, they managed to keep the apostle of cookie baking and women-in-the-home, Phyllis Schlafly, in the wings, but the assortment of ladies on stage was nothing short of remarkable.

In addition to keynoter Molinari, there were the well-known (Christie Todd Whitman and Nancy Kassebaum), the lesser-known (Kay James, Julie Finley, Deborah Pryce).

There was also a former Miss America, Heather Whitestone. Give those little girls a great big hand.

When can anyone remember a candidate's wife strolling through the assembly, mike in hand, being paid to cheer for her husband? And, from what I've read (I missed this one), knocking them dead.

Window dressing? Standard lip service? Normally, I'd say it probably was, but not



Carol Clarkin

necessarily this year. Why take the ladies seriously this time? Because the movers and shakers have read the stats and those they do take seriously.

The fact is that in the past two national elections ('92 and '94) more women voted than did men. In '92, a presidential election, 60.6 million women voted as compared to 53.3 million men.

In the off-year election of '94, the figures were down, but again the women out-voted their male counterparts, 44.6 million women, 40.4 million men.

According to the analysts, the relatively low turnout of women at the polls in '94 may well have contributed to giving Republicans control of Congress, because party line stats indicate that 57 percent of women voting that year were Democrats, as opposed to 46 percent Republican women voters.

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These same experts say that in terms of important issues, women list economic security, crime, education and social safety net as their most serious concerns, some concerns shared by male voters.

However, they claim, a gender gap exists because women are more supportive of government programs that help children and the elderly. And abortion, they say, is a secondary factor in the way most women vote.

Once the dust settles and this week's hoopla ceases, it's going to be interesting to watch the two candidates' courting styles because there's no doubt Froggie won't be the only critter out there romancing the ladies.



Letters to the editor

Just another gimmick

TO THE EDITOR: We often hear conservatives talk about the governor of New Jersey, Christine Todd Whitman, who promised to cut income taxes and did.

They forget to mention that the cuts didn't cause their state economy to boom. In fact New Jersey trails the rest of our nation in job creation, economic growth and personal income gains.

She cut income taxes but residential property taxes soared, offsetting almost all of it. She hasn't been able to cut state expenditures enough to pay for the tax cuts and balance the budget as required by law, so she cut payments to the state pension system for state, local and school employees.

Does this sound familiar? Remember a short time ago when they raided the federal employees' pension fund to make ends meet when they shut down the federal government?

When politicians talk about cutting taxes before an election, watch out.

It's an election year gimmick even older than Sen. Bob Dole.

CHUCK FISCHER
Collinsville

More partisan propaganda

TO THE EDITOR: A recent letter to the editor

attempted to criticize Jim Mihalich for voicing support for the education budget enacted by the legislature and the governor this past spring. Unfortunately, the author used partisan propaganda to overshadow the facts. Since I was involved in the development of that budget, I would like to set the record straight.

The 1995-97 state budget contained a \$91.1-million increase in funding for elementary and secondary schools across Illinois. In this budget, the Republican legislature provided stable increases for pre-school programs, technology grants to schools, programs for children with disabilities, alternative schools for disruptive students and teacher pensions. One of the most important pieces of the budget was \$23.2 million appropriation to guarantee that no school district would receive less state aid than it received last year.

As a result of this action, every one of the 910 school districts across Illinois will have more state dollars than they had last year to spend on their locally determined priorities. That's why the plan received the support of not only Republicans, but several downstate Democrats.

In her zeal to score political points, the author of the earlier letter wrote about schools "losing" money. The simple truth is that the 14 school districts in Madison County will receive over \$4.1 million more in state aid next year, not less; more money to spend on textbooks and computers and additional educational opportunities for the children.

Over the last two years, the Republican-controlled legislature has provided increases

totaling over \$488 million for education. Compare that figure to the last two years of the Democratically controlled legislature (in fiscal year 1992 and 1993, the increases totaled a negative \$26 million), and you'll plainly see which party made education its top priority.

Jim Mihalich is to be commended for his position on education funding. Unlike those who simply sit on the sidelines and complain, Jim Mihalich will fight to ensure that Madison County schools receive additional state dollars.

FRANK WATSON
Assistant Majority Leader
Illinois Senate

Ideas from another planet

TO THE EDITOR: Who is Jim Mihalich? Is he from around here? Why does he keep coming up with issues that will not affect our district?

"English-only in Illinois" may or may not be a good idea. Either way though, the plan would be a more effective idea in the Chicago-land area. Treat your enemies with respect even if they are bandits.

"Chain gangs" is another of his ideas. This one to me is clearly a bad idea. All it takes is one gang member trying to free a convicted fellow gang member and you have mass chaos. However you see this issue though, it won't affect our district.

We do not have a single state penitentiary in our district. In effect, if this idea got passed in Springfield (and it wouldn't stand a chance), our district would have to pay

extra taxes to implement this program. It hurts our district.

The "Quality First" program takes over \$534,000 out of our district and gives it to the Chicago suburbs. Mihalich has said he would have favored such a plan. Could it be that he is hoping for a windfall of support from the speaker of the house from the Chicago suburbs? \$200,000 or more? What do you think?

To top it all off, he forgets to list Granite City on a fundraiser flyer. He listed 11 or so communities in the area, and he forgets an area that makes up nearly 20 percent of his district. Surely, if he was from around here, he would know about Granite City.

In my mind, he must be from another planet, if he thinks we are going to vote for him.

CHARLOTTE SUHRE
Granite City

Treat your enemies well

TO THE EDITOR: Chicken Soup for the Soul: Appreciate that homemade gift from your preschool child.

Treat your enemies with respect even if they are bandits. Give trust and respect to someone even if she is a prisoner.

Don't be afraid to give away something precious even if she happens to be clinically depressed.

Cheerish moments with loved ones or acquaintances; you never know how long you will have with them on Earth.

Love given away is never wasted. "Someone's opinion of you does not have to become your reality."

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School funding reform sought

(The following column was written by Bob Haisman, Illinois Education Association president.)

A new, exciting coalition is coming together in Illinois. This new coalition united all the major partners in our state's "education community." This coalition, with its very heart and soul, is about the children of our state and the 1.9 million children who attend our public schools.

The Illinois Education Association-NEA has played a prominent role in putting together this dynamic coalition. With nearly 90,000 members, the IEA is the state's largest education organization.

We represent teachers and other school employees in every corner of Illinois. The IEA has a long, distinguished history of defending public education and the rights of public school employees.

Now, the IEA is leading the way again, this time for funding fairness and justice for the schoolchildren of our state. We are working closely with other state education

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organizations on the complex issue of school funding reform. Our allies in this children's crusade include other educators, state education leaders, parents, school board members, school administrators and principals, and school business officials. Together this new coalition represents virtually every student, education employee, and school official in Illinois. It is an unprecedented coalition, diverse in many ways but still pulling together for a common cause.

Our common cause — school funding reform — is an issue without equal in our state. It is the number one problem — and interestingly, the number one opportunity — facing Illinois in the late 20th century.

The problem centers around our state's grossly unfair system of funding elementary and secondary education. We are putting tens of thousands of children at risk educationally with the unjust, backward way we finance our schools.

Because our state government pays so little of Illinois' total education bill — its share has dwindled to 32 percent — there are tremendous per-pupil spending gaps across the state.

Wealthy districts — those with high property tax revenues — are able to spend far more on education than poorer districts.

As a result, per-pupil spending totals range from \$2,500 to \$17,500 across the state, an astonishing — and shocking — difference.

Because of this incredible funding gap, we have something called "place discrimination" in Illinois.

What this means is that the quality of the education a student receives depends largely on where that child lives. That is unjust, unfair, and shocking. A pending lawsuit will decide that question.

Yes, this is the state's number one problem. But we can turn it into an opportunity for our state leaders to step up and take charge.

To show courage. To pledge to provide fair school funding for every school kid, Illinois, a

great state with a progressive image, must not stand by and let its educational crisis worsen.

The IEA, together with its friends in the coalition, is asking you — the citizen and voters of Illinois — to join us in our crusade for fairer school funding.

In this election year, ask your legislative candidates where they stand on the crucial school funding issue. Ask them to take the IEA pledge to support fairer school funding.

Whether they're Democrats or Republicans, urge them to join the "Education Party" — asking you — the citizen and voters of Illinois — to join us in our crusade for fairer school funding.

For more information on school funding reform or other education issues, contact the Department of Communications, Illinois Education Association-NEA, 100 East Edwards St., Springfield, 62704.

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Obituaries

Estelle Pollard

Estelle C. (Martin) Warren Pollard, 73, of Granite City, formerly of Clearwater, Fla., died at 5:39 a.m. Tuesday, Aug. 27, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a 10-year illness.

Born Nov. 15, 1922, in Madison, she had been a resident of Clearwater for 17 years and Granite City for more than 20 years.

A homemaker, she was active in bowling and of the Protestant faith.

Survivors include one son, Glenn R. Warren, Rapid City, S.D.; one daughter, Ruth Ann Dike of Newark, Ill.; two brothers, Jesse Jr. and Louis Dale Martin, both of Granite City; three sisters, Lillian Black and Mildred Lipinski, both of Granite City, and Gloria Buckingham of West Frankfort, Ill.; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Glen Warren; her second husband, Orville Pollard, whom she married Nov. 9, 1963, in St. Louis, and who died in 1982; her parents, Jesse and Cora (Sykes) Martin; two brothers, James Edward Martin and Richard H. Martin; and three sisters, Helen Cochran, Grace Barnhart and Lola Hester.

Visitation is from 4 to 9 p.m. today, Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave. in Granite City, where services are at 1 p.m. Friday with the Rev. Mark Maynard officiating. Burial will be in St. John Cemetery, Nameoki Road in Granite City.

Memorials are requested for the American Heart Association or the American Cancer Society.

Alice Gantt

Alice Marie (Mize) Gantt, 74, of Brownsboro, Ala., formerly of Granite City, died Friday, Aug. 23, 1996, at her residence. She was born in Cadiz, Ky.

Survivors include two sons, David A. Gantt of Ohio and Dennis R. Gantt of Mississippi;

two daughters, Beth Floyd of Brownsboro and Linda M. McCarthy of California; one brother, Ed Mize of Granite City; three sisters, Agnes Kern and Virginia Bridges, both of Granite City, and Bernice Hall of Marion, Ky.; and five grandchildren.

Services were handled by Spry Funeral Home in Huntsville, Ala.

Tracie Jones

Tracie L. (Lloyd) Jones, 32, of Granite City died at 1:34 a.m. Monday, Aug. 26, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, following a six-month illness.

Born Jan. 11, 1964, in Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., she had been a lifelong resident of Granite City.

Mrs. Jones was a former member of Second Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include three sons, Anthony W., Robert L. and Ryan D. Jones, all of Granite City; her mother, Shirley (Smith) Lloyd of Granite City; one brother, Lloyd of Granite City; and one sister, DeAnna Fisk of Granite City.

She was preceded in death by her father, Larry D. Lloyd; one brother, Robert D. Lloyd; and one sister, Rebecca Keeton.

Visitation is from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. today, Thursday, at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, 2205 Pontoon Road in Granite City, where services are at 1 p.m. today with the Rev. Greg Judd officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Marvin Misturak

Marvin W. Misturak, 45, of Belleville, formerly of Troy, died at 5:03 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, 1996, at Scott Air Force Medical Center after being ill for more than three years.

Born Jan. 24, 1951, in Philadelphia, he had been a resident of Belleville for nine years.

A major with the United States Air Force for 20 years prior to his retirement Feb. 2, 1993, he was of the Greek Orthodox faith.

His wife include his wife, Pamela S. (Nelson) Misturak, whom he married Nov. 12, 1983, at Scott Air Force Base; one son, Damon W. Misturak of Belleville; and one sister, Judi

Carisallo of Philadelphia.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pete and Pauline Misturak; and two brothers.

Services are at 9:30 a.m. today, Thursday, at Mercer Mortuary, 1416 Niedringhaus Ave. in Granite City, with Capt. Collett officiating. Burial will be in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis County.

Memorials to the family of Marvin Misturak are suggested.

Joyce Dilday

Joyce B. (Smith) Dilday, 54, of Granite City died at 12:45 p.m. Monday, Aug. 26, 1996, at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, following a four-week illness.

Born Feb. 21, 1942, in Frisk, Mo., she had been a resident of Granite City for 32 years.

A homemaker, she attended West 22nd Street Baptist Church in Granite City.

Survivors include her husband, William J. Dilday, whom she married April 12, 1961, in Granite City; one son, Mark Dilday of Granite City; one daughter, Merry Gammal of Fort Myers, Fla.; three brothers, Andy Smith of Crenshaw, Miss., and Raymond and Donald Smith of Richmond of Bowling Green, Ky.; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Archie and Leona (Bowling) Smith.

Services are at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City.

Arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach.

Jack Moad

Jack Walter Moad, 61, of Granite City died Friday, Aug. 23, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, where he had been a patient for two weeks. He was born Jan. 30, 1935, in Granite City.

A millwright with Carpenters' Local 633, he was a member of the Venice-Madison American Legion Post 307 in Venice.

Survivors include one daughter, Loraine Taylor of Reno, Nev.; two brothers, Woodrow Moad of Granite City and Daniel Moad of Maryville; and three sisters, Esther Jakich and Mary Whiteside, both of Granite City, and Betty McCune of Madison.

Services are at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, at Irwin Chapel, 3960 Maryville Road in Granite City.

Arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach.

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He was preceded in death by one son, Eric Moad; his parents, Woodrow W. and Pansy (Wallace) Moad; and one brother, Edward Moad.

Gravestone services and burial are at 2 p.m. Friday in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Arrangements are being handled by Irwin Chapel in Granite City.

Anita Setchell

Anita Fay (Beeler) Setchell, 82, of Granite City died Saturday, Aug. 24, 1996, at Colonades Nursing Home in Granite City, following a 15-month illness. She was born July 22, 1914, in Granite City, where she had been a lifelong resident.

A secretary with Washington University for many years prior to her retirement, she was a member of Unity Chapel in Granite City.

Mrs. Setchell is survived by one brother, Clarence Beeler of Oklahoma City, Okla.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lylo Setchell, who died in 1986; her parents, Raymond and Irma (Threadgill) Beeler; and one brother, Emmett Beeler, who died in 1993.

No services were held.

Per Mrs. Setchell's request, her remains were cremated. Burial of the remains was in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates in Glen Carbon.

Arrangements were handled by Werner Chapel for Funerals in Pontoon Beach.

Streetfest seeks participants

The organizers of the Livingston Streetfest are looking for crafters and performers who are interested in participating in this year's event. The third-annual event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 14, with a rain date of Sept. 21.

The Livingston Streetfest is in its third year.

Crafters are being sought to participate in the Streetfest, as well as singers, musicians, dancers and other performers who would like to participate in the entertainment.

Anyone interested in taking part is asked to call Mossie Schneek at 637-2224, or Kaye or Dave Gasper at 637-2828.

Recyclables to be picked up

Waste Management, the company that picks up residential garbage in Granite City, will begin picking up recyclables during the first trash pickup in September.

Residents should not place recyclables at the curb or in the alley prior to their first pickup in September.

Inspectors start on restaurants

Madison County's fledgling restaurant inspection program has visited about 450 of the estimated 1,400 food establishments in the county, officials said.

So far, inspectors have identified only one serious violator.

The Hamel Grocery and Supply, 122 W. State St. in Hangel, was the only establishment cited with a serious violation.

The store was closed voluntarily by the owner two weeks ago after inspectors cited several serious violations, Toni Corona, environmental health services manager, said.

Otherwise, inspections are progressing smoothly, she said.

For the most part, our initial visits are to learn about each place and offer suggestions," Corona said. "These visits are actually assessments; real inspections will begin next year."

Assessments began May 20, about two weeks after the program was authorized by the County Board amid controversy.

Since then, most of the pro-

gram has focused on chain restaurants.

Fast-food restaurants and formal establishments pay a \$200 annual fee for their licenses under the new program. Quick shops and taverns pay \$75.

Establishments like the Hamel Grocery are only closed when a number of critical violations are noted, Corona said.

"The Hamel Grocery is the first and only establishment we have embargoed so far," Corona said. "The owner shut down voluntarily after we informed her of the violations."

The Hamel Grocery is owned by Irma Siebers of Hangel, who could not be reached for comment.

Corona said the store has "structural problems" such as the lack of a sink.

Residents can report unsanitary restaurant conditions by calling the department at 692-8954, extension 0.

— From The Telegraph

Arrest

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the victim told police.

The woman began to struggle and nearly passed out after the suspect allegedly placed his hand over her mouth and applied pressure to a point on her head, she told police. She could not escape the truck because he had removed the door handle and window crank on the passenger side, she said.

The suspect released her when she stopped struggling, but struck her in the back several times, told her to remove her belt and underwear, and sexually assaulted her, the woman told police.

He then drove to Madison, but then turned around and returned to Granite City, the woman said.

The man allegedly displayed a knife after the victim tried to cause an accident by grabbing the truck's steering wheel, the report states.

The suspect then drove east on Interstate 64. About 12 miles outside of Mt. Vernon, he called the victim's home on a pay telephone and had the woman tell her sister, with whom she lives, to have the children ready for their father to pick up.

He then drove back to Madison, dropped off the victim, picked up the children and left, the woman told police.

The woman reported the incident to police at about 6:20 a.m. Monday.

Petitions

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objection.

Partney said he is certain that some of those named in the objection are in fact registered to vote at the addresses listed. He said that the voter registration lists may need to be updated and that therefore he may not need 1,835 signatures. He also asked why so many signatures were necessary to place the question on the ballot when only a fraction of that number — about 600 — are needed to place a candidate's name on a city or township ballot.

Partney also said that Hagnauer, Whitaker and Skubish should disqualify themselves from the hearing today because they all receive pay checks from the township and would be biased in favor of Gray's objection.

Granite City and its township are coterminous — they share the same geographic and political boundaries. Officials elected to the city council also serve on the township board of trustees.

Partney has said that the township form of government in Granite City is inefficient and is a duplication of services. He said township residents would see lower property tax bills if the township government was eliminated and services were provided by the city or county.

Laub has said there would be no tax savings because the services will have to be provided by some government entity.

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Funeral summary

Area deaths reported in this week's Sunday and Wednesday newspapers include:

BEUCHER, Beatrice A. (Proge), 80, of Collinsville died Thursday, Aug. 22, 1996, at Edwardsville. Services were Aug. 24 at Lake View Funeral Home, Fairview Heights, by the Rev. Dale Clemens. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights. Memorials to Boy Scouts Trail West Council or donor's choice.

CROWE, Melvin E., 66, of Caseyville died at 10:50 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 25, 1996, at his residence. Services were Wednesday at Herr Caseyville Chapel, Caseyville, by the Rev. John Davis. Burial in St. John Cemetery, Collinsville. Memorials to Caseyville United Methodist Church, Caseyville, or Hospice of Southern Illinois Inc.

CUCHNA, Jane Marie (Koetter), Granite City, formerly of Seattle, died at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, 1996, at Christian Hospital Northeast, St. Louis. Services were Wednesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the

Rev. Lewis E. Trotter. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to First Presbyterian Church, Granite City.

DUVALL, Glenda V. (Stevens), 75, of Pontoon Beach, formerly of Granite City, died at 4:29 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, 1996, at Alton Memorial Hospital, Alton. Services were Monday at Werner Chapel for Funerals, Pontoon Beach, by the Rev. Roy Boyer. Burial in Hillview Memorial Gardens, Farmington, Mo.

GERBOC, James M., 70, of Granite City died at 8:16 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, 1996, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center. Services were Monday at Holy Family Catholic Church, Granite City, by the Rev. William Fisherkeller. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Arrangements by Irwin Chapel, Granite City.

HUTTON, Angie E. (McCasland), Matis, 80, of Aiken, S.C., formerly of Granite City, died Thursday, Aug. 22, 1996. Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. Bruce Rushing. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to the

PEO Sisterhood, in care of Diane Gebhardt, secretary and treasurer, 2200 Clinton, Granite City, Ill., 62040.

JAIMET, Ben, 86, of Granite City died at 9:50 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, 1996, at his residence. Services were Monday at Irwin Chapel, Granite City, by the Rev. James Haha. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon. Memorials to Leukemia Society of America, Gateway Chapter, 77 West Port Plaza, Suite 101, St. Louis, Mo., 63144.

JENNINGS, Marcus Terrell, 1, of Madison died Tuesday, Aug. 20, 1996, at Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital, St. Louis. Services were Monday at Bibleway Deliverance Center, Venice, by the Rev. Reginald Fields. Burial in Sunset Gardens of Memory, Millstadt. Arrangements by L. King Funeral Home, East St. Louis.

LEEK, Debra Ann (Simunich) Woods, 37, of O'Fallon died Friday, Aug. 23, 1996. Services were Monday at Kassy's Mortuary Ltd., Fairview Heights, by the Rev. James T. Long. Burial in Lake View Memorial Gardens, Fairview Heights.

NEWLAND, Helen A. (Andrews) White, 94, of Granite City, formerly of Lima, Ohio, died at 1:55 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 22, 1996, at Edwardsville Care Center East, Edwardsville. Memorial services were Monday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. Francis Tebanura. Burial in Calvary Cemetery, Glen Carbon. Memorials to American Cancer Society.

VOEGTLE, Virginia Lucille (Johnson) Belobraydie, 73, of Harlingen, Texas, formerly of Collinsville, died at 6:42 p.m. Monday, Aug. 19, 1996, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Bryan, Texas. Services were Saturday at Herbert A. Kassy Funeral Home, Collinsville, by the Rev. Robert Morris. Burial in St. Peter and Paul Catholic Cemetery, Collinsville. Memorials to ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Foundation.

WICHMAN, Sandra L., 59, of Madison, formerly of St. Louis, died at 10:55 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 24, 1996, at Collinsville Care Center, Collinsville. Services were Tuesday at Thomas Memorial Mortuary, Granite City, by the Rev. William Davis. Burial in Sunset Hill Memorial Estates, Glen Carbon.

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Community Band begins 10th season

The Granite City Community Band will begin its 10th anniversary season with a rehearsal at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 5, at St. John United Church of Christ, 2901 Namecki Road in Granite City.

The band offers an opportunity to area musicians of all skill levels to participate in a musical group with others sharing the same interests.

Members of the band include amateur and professional musicians from Granite City and surrounding communities.

Conductor Butch Mestemacher and members of the band met during the summer months to discuss plans for performances and fundraising activities. Persons interested in making a contribution should call Mestemacher at 345-2075 or Linda Green at 931-0443.

Musicians interested in joining the band may attend the rehearsal and should bring their own stand. Openings are available in all sections. Some instrument rentals are available through the band.

Venice plans school 'bash'

The Venice Park Board will sponsor a "Back to School Bash" Saturday, Aug. 31, from noon to 7 p.m. at the Venice Park Recreation Center and water slide.

The water slide will be open.

Refreshments will be available and music will be provided for dancing.

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Anniversaries

Austin Sisters-50 years

On Sept. 7, 1946, Doris and LaVerne Austin wed Paul Romine and Dick Lamphere in a double wedding service at First Methodist Church in Madison. They are the daughters of Edna and Charles Austin.

The girls were attended by their sisters, Shirley and Katie Austin. The entire wedding party wore white.

Following the ceremony, two receptions were held — one at

the church and another in their mother's home.

This year, the Romines and the Lampheres celebrate their 50th wedding anniversaries. These two families have created seven children, 14 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The Romines live in Columbus, Ind., and the Lampheres, who lived in Memphis, Tenn., for years, now reside in Collierville, Tenn.

The four daughters of Edna Austin — Doris, LaVerne, Shirley and Katie — get together every year on Labor Day weekend for a family reunion. This takes place in a Tennessee state park and is four days long. This year's celebration will be held in Fall

Creek Falls State Park with almost 60 in attendance from five states.

The highlight of this year's festivities will be a surprise "wacky wedding" to celebrate the golden anniversaries of these two couples. Their children, grandchildren, sisters, nieces and nephews will serve as preachers, attendants and attendees.

The brides' attires will be white netting over family reunion T-shirts and shorts. Their sisters will be dressed in purple netting. All the girls under the age of 16 will be bridesmaids in various festive attire.

The grooms will wear T-shirts and dark shorts with

sequined bow ties and glittering top hats. All boys under the age of 16 will wear the same.

The wedding vows will be rewritten to be totally "off the

wall." The service will end with a rendition of "The Austin Sister Song," written by one of the children.

A reception with a wedding cake, music and dancing will follow the ceremony.

Stroke group meets

A stroke support group, designed for persons who have suffered a stroke and for their family of care-givers, will meet at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, in the Presidents Room, located on the ground floor, Bonaventure's Cafeteria, at SEMC, 2100 Madison Ave., Granite City.

For information on the group and meeting dates, call 798-3018.

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Art Voellinger

Salukis' hall to induct West's Rakers

Already blessed with a seven-game 1996 home football schedule, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale is hyping home attendance in another way: by inducting six former Salukis into its Hall of Fame at halftime on the Saturday, Aug. 31, home opener against Central Arkansas.

The football game is scheduled to start at 1:30 p.m. that day, but halftime interest will feature Amy Rakers, the former Belleville West basketball star who became the all-time SIUC leading scorer during her 1987-1991 career.

In addition to scoring 1,538 points, Amy has eight school records, including scoring in double figures in 58 consecutive games. In 1990, her junior year, the 6-foot-3 center was the Gateway Conference Player of the Year when she led the league in scoring (20.7 points per game) rebounds (10.5) and field goal percentage (.574).

Also a Gateway Tourney MVP, Amy earned SIUC Female Athlete of the Year honors in 1990. Third in blocked shots (79) and career rebounds (945), she is No. 10 in career steals. In 60 of her 111 collegiate games, she led her team in rebounds, and in 50 games, she was the leading scorer.

After graduating from SIUC, Amy played professional basketball one season in Japan and currently is coaching boys basketball at a high school in Alaska.

Other former athletes to be inducted are Steve Middleton, basketball; Mary Jo Furbach, softball; Pat Nicholson, volleyball; and Tom Lindner, gymnastics. Roy Dempsey, who coached SIUC to a national football title in 1983, will also be inducted.

Of the SIUC schedule, current coach Shawn Watson said, "If you have the capability of having seven home games, you've got seven better opportunities to win ballgames...We call McAndrew Stadium the 'Dawg House,' and we just don't lose in our house—we're not going to do that."

During a 5-6 record in 1995, the Salukis were 4-2 at home. Three of their first four games are at home this season.

After being outscored 291-198 in 1995, when the losses included 52-3 to Indiana State and 42-21 to Eastern Illinois, Watson tried to build a defense with his 23 recruits, including defensive end Dante Stoval (6-3, 210) of Belleville, Althoff, Lincoln, Mo., and Claxton (6-1, 215) of Clayton, Mo., and lineman Kevin Moore (6-3, 290) of Pasadena, Calif., junior college.

OVERTIME: I have been remiss in extending my sympathy to the families of Don Harriman and Joseph P. Rhein of Belleville. Mr. Harriman died July 1 at the age of 68, and Mr. Rhein died July 26 at age 61.

A retired chemical worker, Don was active in civic organizations, including the Deesburg, Fla., Eagles. But also was the father of former Althoff basketball coach and current assistant football coach Brad Harriman.

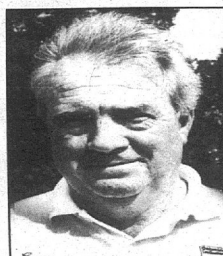
A retired banker, Mr. Rhein also was active in civic groups and besides being an avid fisherman, was the father of Joe Rhein, who distinguished himself by working his way from the public relations office of the St. Louis Football Cardinals to vice president of the Phoenix Cardinals. In addition, Joe served in an administrative capacity for the National Football League under commissioner Pete Rozelle.

EXTRA INNINGS: The recent Senior American Legion Fifth Division tourney in Murphysboro was won by Fairview Heights Post 978, but was noteworthy with the presence of Eldorado Post 169.

In late June, the Eldorado team played six games in New York, including five at the Cooperstown Hall of Fame field. Realize that Eldorado is a small southern Illinois community and appreciate that its budget for the trip was nearly \$10,000 of a 1996 season budget of \$12,940.



Granite City junior Dane Bauer dribbles past a defender in practice. The Warriors kick off the season Saturday at Peoria Richwoods before playing their home opener Tuesday against Civic Memorial.



Gene Baker
24th year

Golfers look to regroup after opener

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The Granite City golf team found out on Monday just how much work it still needs to do to be one of the best teams in Madison County.

The first-ever Madison County Golf Tournament, the brainchild of Edwardsville High coach Dick Gerber, took place Monday at Oak Brook Country Club in Edwardsville.

St. Clair County has featured its own tournament for several years, so Gerber started the Madison County meet. The Warriors probably wish he would have waited another year.

"We didn't play well, but we're young, and this was our first match," said GCHS coach Boone Chaney. "We finished seventh out of eight teams, though, and that's disappointing any way you look at it."

Collinsville made a strong statement at the meet, as the Kahoks placed first with a team score of 302. Surprising Triad was a close second (303), and the host Tigers were third (306).

Roxana (324) was fourth, followed by Alton (332), Metro East Lutheran (340), the Warriors (345) and Wood River (396).

Granite City is trying to rebuild its team after losing four seniors to graduation last year. Two of those seniors are now playing golf at the college level.

"We have a good crop of youngsters, but we may take our lumps this year," Chaney said. "We have three seniors, two juniors and three freshmen on the varsity team right now, and that's always subject to change."

"When your top scorer is a freshman, you can look at that one of two ways. The future looks good, but the present does not. But we'll get to work and get better."

Freshman Jeff Jerden led all GCHS scorers with an 84 on the par-72 course. Senior Chris Carpenter was next in line at 85, and junior Matt Foley shot an 88.

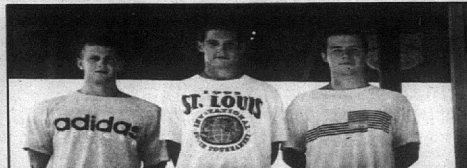
Other scorers for GCHS (See GOLFERS, Page 2B)

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS

August
31 at Peoria Richwoods.....11 a.m.

September
3 Civic Memorial.....5:30 p.m.
7 Vianney.....5:30 p.m.
10 Alton.....5:30 p.m.
11 O'Fallon.....4:30 p.m.
12 at Collinsville.....5:30 p.m.
14 Sacred Heart-Griffin.....11 a.m.
17 at CBC.....5:30 p.m.
19 Edwardsville.....5:30 p.m.
20 at Kansas City Aquinas.....7 p.m.
22 at Kansas City Rockhurst.....1 p.m.
23-24 Hazelwood C. Tournament/TBA

October
1 at Belleville West.....5:30 p.m.
7-12 Tournament of Champions/TBA
15 at ESL Lincoln.....5:30 p.m.
17 at Belleville East.....4 p.m.
18 McCluer North.....5:30 p.m.
21 St. Louis U. High.....5:30 p.m.
Oct. 24-26 Regional Tournament
Oct. 31-Nov. 2 Sectional Tournament
Nov. 8-9 State Tournament



The Gauntlet

(Staff photos by JOHN FRESSE)

Team captains for GCHS this season are (from left) Kyle Briggs, Eric Edwards and Scott Mills.

Young squad in running to lead way for GCHS

New lineup kicking off with Warriors

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

The 1996 edition of the Granite City boys soccer team debuts this weekend in Peoria, when the Warriors travel to play the Richwoods Knights on Saturday.

Gene Baker begins his 24th year at the GCHS helm with a lot of changes in store. The Warriors' lineup will be quite different, as will the team's schedule of games this season. And Granite City's 12th man—the Gauntlet—has undergone some changes as well.

Practices have been going well, Baker said, but the real tests will start with the Richwoods game. As has been the custom for several years, the

Knights will give the Warriors a good indication of what they have.

"We feel we're going to get a thorough test at Peoria this weekend. We've done well with them here, but it's always tougher up there," Baker said. "It's a very tough opener, because they're so physical, and they've always shown some holes in us in the past."

"Thus far in the preseason, the kids have worked hard, and they came to practice in shape to be able to sustain the training. I don't know if we'll be completely ready by Saturday, but we'll have to be. We'll find out what happens."

As with last year's team, Baker will be working with a relatively young group of play-

ers. GCHS has a small but strong leadership core of seniors Kyle Briggs, Eric Edwards, Walt Greathouse, Alex Bantsch, Scott Mills, Eric Wilkerson, George Wolfe and Curtis Howard.

All of these players, who will move around the field to play different positions, have the experience needed to lead the Warriors. The team's tri-captains are Briggs, Edwards and Mills.

"We're young, we don't have too many seniors really," Baker said. "Our lineup will be moving around a lot. We'll have to wait and see what happens."

"I do feel that our captains are doing a good job for us." (See GCHS, Page 2B)

Depth, versatility key for Warriors

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Be sure to buy a program at Warrior soccer games this year, because you may not be able to figure out all of the players without one.

The Granite City lineup at this point is hardly set in stone, although coach Gene Baker has a good idea of what his starting 11 would look like if the team were to play a game today.

One big change from last year will be Granite City's No. 1 goalie, Jeremy Smith, moving to a field position.

"Jeremy's going to be a two-way player for us," Baker said. "He's going to play in the field as well as goal. He's done more than what's been asked of him so far this year. I think he can handle the challenge."

Of course, that could change. "The goalie situation's tentative without Jeremy in goal," Baker said. "Alex Bantsch and Craig Murphy are working hard, and the freshman Brandon Williams is a nice kid and has been very impressive in goal."

And two of the Warriors' game face to every situation. I think he'll be a big part of the team and a great leader."

The Warriors have good team speed, with players like Dane Bauer, Cory Winfield and Curtis Howard. The Warriors have height, with Josh Hickam and Adam Sanchez, who's been "a pleasant surprise for us," Baker said.

"(Sanchez) had an injured foot, which kept him out all of last year. He's young for his class, but he's a capable player." (See WARRIORS, Page 2B)



(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Adam Sanchez races a teammate to the ball.

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Rugged slate full of tests for kickers

By Rob Raphael
Staff writer

Besides great coaching, the one thing that can turn a good team into a great one is competition.

And the Warriors will certainly have their share of that this year. The Granite City schedule looks like a "Who's Who" of midwestern high school soccer.

Besides the intense Southwestern Conference lineup—which now features defending super-sectional champ Edwardsville—the Warriors will make an exciting trip to the Kansas City (Mo.) area.

Add in the tournaments the Warriors will be in—including their own Tournament of Champions—along with contests with St. Louis powers Vianney, St. Louis U. High and CBC, and the GCHS schedule looks to be second to none.

"We're hoping the difficulty of our schedule will force us to improve," said GCHS coach Gene Baker. "We want to be a team that's positive, and learning game by game. When you" (See KICKERS, Page 2B)

WGNU to air GCHS opener

The Granite City High School football opener against Cahokia will be broadcast live Friday night on radio station WGNU/920 AM. Air time is 7:15 p.m. Game time is 7:30 p.m.

GRANITE CITY WARRIORS

1995 Record: 2-7
Conference: Southwestern
August

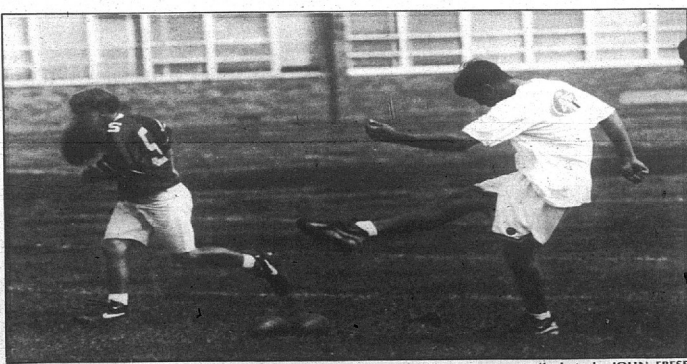
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September

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(Staff photo by JOHN FRESSE)

Granite City football player Rocky Smith follows through on a practice kick.

- Kickers

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"We want to play well, game by game," Baker said. "From

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SEPT. 6	O'FALLON	HOME	7:30
SEPT. 13	COLLINSVILLE	AWAY	7:30
SEPT. 21	E. ST. LOUIS LINCOLN	AWAY	1:30
SEPT. 27	BELLEVILLE EAST	AWAY	7:30
OCT. 4	BELLEVILLE WEST	HOME	7:30
OCT. 11	ALTON	HOME	7:30
OCT. 19	E. ST. LOUIS SR.	AWAY	1:30
OCT. 25	EDWARDSVILLE	HOME	7:30

HEAD COACH: NICK PETRILLO
ASSISTANTS: DAREN DEPEW, TIM MCRAE, RON YATES, CHUCK KRAUS

VARSITY GOLF 1996

AUG. 26	MADISON COUNTY	AWAY	TBA
AUG. 29	CIVIC MEMORIAL TRIAD	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 6	EDW. RED RUD. GREENVILLE	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 10	ROXANA, WOOD RIVER	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 14	QUINCY TOURNAMENT	AWAY	TBA
SEPT. 17	BELLEVILLE WEST	AWAY	TBA
SEPT. 24	EDWARDSVILLE, ALTHOFF	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 28	GRANITE CITY SCRAMBLE	HOME	TBA
SEPT. 29	O'FALLON, MASCOUTAH	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 30	ALTON, COLLINSVILLE	ALTON	TBA
SEPT. 31	E. ST. LOUIS SR./JUN. BELL EAST	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 31	MASCOUTAH, CIVIC MEMORIAL	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 31	CENTRALIA	EAST	9:00
SEPT. 31	SOUTHERN CONFERENCE	BELK PK	11:00
OCT. 5	MASCOUTAH	AWAY	11:00
OCT. 8	REGIONAL	AWAY	11:00
OCT. 15	SECTIONAL	AWAY	11:00
OCT. 19-21	STATE	AWAY	11:00

HEAD COACH: DWAYNE CHANEY
ASSISTANT: ALLEN LOBBEL

FROSH. FOOTBALL 1996

AUG. 31	CAHOKIA	AWAY	10:00
SEPT. 7	EDWARDSVILLE	HOME	10:00
SEPT. 14	COLLINSVILLE	HOME	10:00
SEPT. 21	LADUE	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 28	BELLEVILLE EAST	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 5	BELLEVILLE WEST	HOME	10:00
OCT. 12	ALTON	AWAY	11:00
OCT. 16	EDWARDSVILLE	AWAY	4:30
OCT. 24	NICK PETRILLO	AWAY	4:30
OCT. 24	GUS LIGNOUL	AWAY	4:30

HEAD COACH: ASSISTANTS

VOLLEYBALL 1996

SEPT. 4	CIVIC MEMORIAL	3L	AWAY	5:00
SEPT. 6	ALTON	3L	HOME	6:15
SEPT. 10	BELLEVILLE	3L	HOME	6:15
SEPT. 10	MCCLELLER NORTH	3L	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 12	COLLINSVILLE	3L	AWAY	5:15
SEPT. 14	QUINCY TOURNAMENT	3L	AWAY	9:15
SEPT. 16	WATERLOO GIBBAULT	JV/JV	HOME	5:15
SEPT. 18	EDWARDSVILLE	3L	AWAY	5:00
SEPT. 20-21	G.C. INVITATIONAL	3L	AWAY	5:00
SEPT. 23	WOOD RIVER	3L	AWAY	6:15
SEPT. 23	BELLEVILLE WEST	3L	AWAY	6:15
SEPT. 26	TRIAD	JV/JV	HOME	6:15
OCT. 3	E. ST. LOUIS SR.	JV/JV	AWAY	6:15
OCT. 3	COLLINSVILLE INV.	JV/JV	AWAY	6:15
OCT. 8	ALTON	3L	AWAY	6:15
OCT. 10	E. ST. LOUIS LINCOLN	3L	AWAY	6:15
OCT. 15	COLLINSVILLE	3L	HOME	6:15
OCT. 17	BELLEVILLE EAST	3L	HOME	6:15
OCT. 18-19	REBEURBURG TOURNAMENT	TBA	AWAY	5:00
OCT. 22-24	SOUTHWESTERN CONFERENCE	WEST	5:00	
OCT. 29	REGIONAL	AWAY	5:00	
NOV. 2	SECTIONAL	AWAY	5:00	
NOV. 5-7	SUPER SECTIONAL	AWAY	5:00	
NOV. 9	STATE	AWAY	5:00	

HEAD COACH: AMY COLE
ASSISTANTS: RUTH LAYTON, DEB GERMAN

GIRLS BASKETBALL 1996-97

NOV. 21	MASCOUTAH	3L	AWAY	6:00
NOV. 25	O'FALLON (A-B)	FR	HOME	6:15
DEC. 3	BELLEVILLE EAST	3L	HOME	6:15
DEC. 10	EDWARDSVILLE	3L	HOME	6:15
DEC. 10	BELLEVILLE WEST	3L	AWAY	6:15
DEC. 12	RIVERVIEW GARDENS	JV/JV	HOME	6:15
DEC. 13	ALTON	6:15	HOME	6:15
DEC. 26-28	MASCOUTAH TOURNAMENT	VAR	AWAY	TBA
DEC. 26-28	COLLINSVILLE	FR	AWAY	TBA
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JAN. 9	WOOD RIVER	3L	HOME	6:15
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BOYS BASKETBALL 1996-97

DEC. 3	TRIAD	JV/JV	AWAY	6:15
DEC. 6	EDWARDSVILLE	JV/JV	AWAY	6:15
DEC. 7	COLLINSVILLE	JV/JV	AWAY	6:15
DEC. 10	ALTON	JV/JV	AWAY	6:15
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FEB. 14	BELLEVILLE WEST	JV/JV	AWAY	6:15
FEB. 18	MCCLELLER NORTH	JV/JV	AWAY	6:15
FEB. 21	E. ST. LOUIS SR.	JV/JV	HOME	6:15
FEB. 22	COLLINSVILLE	JV/JV	AWAY	6:15
FEB. 28	E. ST. LOUIS LINCOLN	JV/JV	HOME	6:15

HEAD COACH: JOHN VANBUSKIRK
ASSISTANTS: DAREN DEPEW, DAVID WELLS

BOYS SOCCER 1996

AUG. 31	PEORIA RICHMOND	JV/JV	AWAY	11:00
SEPT. 6	CIVIC MEMORIAL	JV/JV	HOME	5:30
SEPT. 10	VIANNEY	JV/JV	HOME	5:30
SEPT. 11	ALTON	JV/JV	HOME	5:30
SEPT. 12	COLLINSVILLE	JV/JV	AWAY	5:30
SEPT. 12	SPRINGFIELD/GRIFFIN	JV/JV	AWAY	5:30
SEPT. 17	CBC	JV/JV	AWAY	5:30
SEPT. 19	EDWARDSVILLE	JV/JV	HOME	5:30
SEPT. 20	C. AQUINAS	JV/JV	AWAY	5:30
SEPT. 22	K.C. ROCKHURST	VAR	AWAY	1:00
SEPT. 23-28	HAZELWOOD CENTRAL TOURNAMENT	TBA		
SEPT. 23	VIRGIL, KIRKSEY	VAR	HOME	7:30
SEPT. 24	TROY	VAR	HOME	7:30
SEPT. 25	HOWELL NORTH	VAR	HOME	7:30
OCT. 1	BELLEVILLE WEST	JV/JV	AWAY	5:30
OCT. 7-12	TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS	HOME	TBA	
OCT. 15	E. ST. LOUIS LINCOLN	JV/JV	AWAY	5:30
OCT. 17	BELLEVILLE EAST	JV/JV	AWAY	5:30
OCT. 21	MCCLELLER NORTH	JV/JV	HOME	5:30
OCT. 24-26	REGIONALS	JV/JV	HOME	5:30
OCT. 31-11/2	SECTIONALS	JV/JV	HOME	5:30
NOV. 6	SUPER SECTIONAL	JV/JV	HOME	5:30
NOV. 8-9	STATE	JV/JV	HOME	5:30

HEAD COACH: GENE BAKER
ASSISTANTS: VIRGIL, KIRKSEY, DAVE AMES, BARRY GROTE

GIRLS TENNIS 1996

AUG. 26	MURDER NORTH	JV/JV	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 3	TRIAD	JV/JV	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 4	O'FALLON	JV/JV	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 4	E. ST. LOUIS LINCOLN	JV/JV	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 6	EDWARDSVILLE	JV/JV	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 10	BELLEVILLE WEST	JV/JV	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 12	COLLINSVILLE	JV/JV	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 16	CIVIC MEMORIAL	JV/JV	HOME	4:00
SEPT. 17	ROXANA	JV/JV	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 17	ALTON INV.	JV/JV	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 25	E. ST. LOUIS SR.	JV/JV	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 28	CIVIC MEMORIAL TOUR	JV/JV	HOME	4:00
OCT. 3	BELLEVILLE EAST	JV/JV	HOME	4:00
OCT. 3	ALTON	JV/JV	HOME	4:00
OCT. 9	HOWELL	JV/JV	HOME	4:00
OCT. 12	SOUTHWESTERN CON. VAR	ALTON	9:00	
OCT. 15	WOOD RIVER	JV/JV	HOME	4:00
OCT. 15	SEONALS	JV/JV	HOME	4:00
OCT. 24-26	STATE	JV/JV	HOME	4:00

HEAD COACH: LINDA AMES

SOPHOMORE FOOTBALL 1996

AUG. 31	CAHOKIA	HOME	10:00
NOV. 27	O'FALLON	HOME	10:00
SEPT. 14	COLLINSVILLE	AWAY	10:00
SEPT. 21	E. ST. LOUIS LINCOLN	AWAY	10:00
SEPT. 21	BELLEVILLE	AWAY	10:00
OCT. 5	BELLEVILLE WEST	HOME	10:00
OCT. 12	ALTON	AWAY	10:00
OCT. 12	GRANITE CITY INV.	AWAY	10:00
OCT. 24	E. ST. LOUIS SR.	HOME	4:30
OCT. 24	EDWARDSVILLE	HOME	4:30

HEAD COACH: NICK PETRILLO
ASSISTANTS: CHUCK KRAUS, CARL LUEHMANN

CROSS COUNTRY 1996

SEPT. 7	GRANITE CITY INVITATIONAL	HOME	10:00
SEPT. 11	TIGER CLASSIC AT EDW.	AWAY	4:00
SEPT. 14	MT. VERNON INV.	AWAY	10:00
SEPT. 21	EDWARDSVILLE INV.	AWAY	10:00
SEPT. 28	SPRINGFIELD INV.	AWAY	3:30
SEPT. 28	TRIAD INV.	AWAY	3:30
OCT. 8	MADISON COUNTY MT.	AWAY	TBA
OCT. 12	FRANKLIN INV.	AWAY	10:00
OCT. 18	SW. CONFERENCE	ALTON	4:00
OCT. 21	FRISOPH EDWARDSVILLE	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 21	CAROLAN	AWAY	4:00
OCT. 26	REGIONALS	AWAY	4:00
NOV. 2	SECTIONALS	AWAY	4:00
NOV. 9	STATE	AWAY	4:00

HEAD COACH: TOM HAEFNER
ASSISTANT: PAUL GREVE

WRESTLING WARRIORS 1996-97

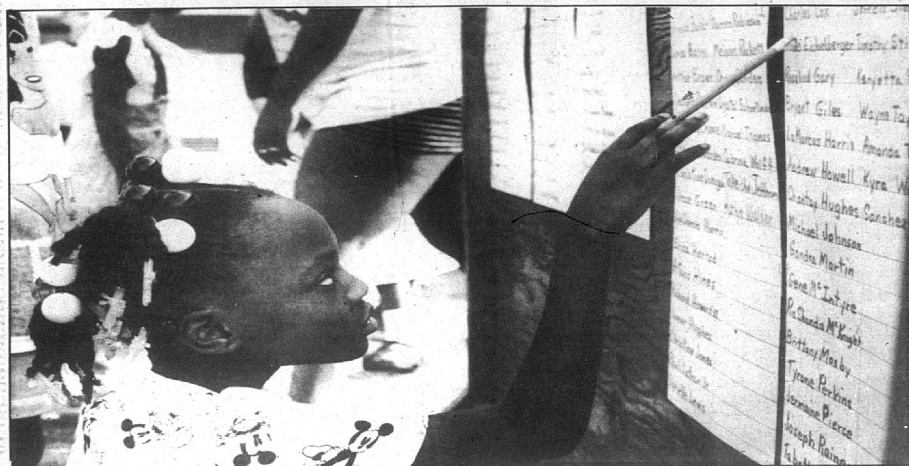
NOV. 26	O'FALLON	JV/JV	AWAY	6:00
NOV. 27	EDWARDSVILLE	VAR	AWAY	6:00
DEC. 6	EDWARDSVILLE	3L	HOME	6:00
DEC. 7	PEKIN, MORTON, BLOOMINGTON	VAR	AWAY	10:00
DEC. 7	GRANITE CITY FISHERMEN INVITATIONAL	HOME	10:00	
DEC. 12	BETHALTON	3L	AWAY	6:15
DEC. 13	SPRINGFIELD LAMP, CHAMPAIGN CENT.	HOME	6:15	
DEC. 19	BELLEVILLE WEST	3L	AWAY	6:00
DEC. 19	BELLEVILLE TOURNAMENT	VAR	AWAY	6:00
DEC. 21	OXFORD JV TOURNAMENT	VAR	AWAY	10:00
DEC. 27-28	38TH ANNUAL GC HOLIDAY TOURNAMENT	HOME	11:00	
JAN. 3	ALTON, E. ST. LOUIS LINCOLN	HOME	6:00	
JAN. 10	BELLEVILLE EAST	3L	AWAY	6:30
JAN. 11	@ CHATHAM GLENWOOD, QUINCY	VAR	AWAY	10:00
JAN. 17-18	GENEO TOURNAMENT	VAR	AWAY	6:00
JAN. 18	CENTRALIA JV TOURNAMENT	JV	AWAY	10:00
JAN. 24	COLLINSVILLE, TRIAD, JERSEVILLE	VAR	HOME	3:30
JAN. 25	FRANKLIN INV.	VAR	HOME	6:00
JAN. 25	PARKWAY WEST JV TOURNAMENT	JV/FR	AWAY	10:00
JAN. 26	COLLINSVILLE	JV/FR	HOME	6:00
JAN. 30	CAHOKIA	3L	HOME	6:00
JAN. 31	E. ST. LOUIS SR.	JV/JV	HOME	6:00
FEB. 1	BELLEVILLE WEST FROSH INVITATIONAL	AWAY	9:00	
FEB. 8	IHS REGIONAL	TBA		
FEB. 11	IHS STATE REGIONAL	TBA		
FEB. 14-15	IHS INDIVIDUAL SECTIONAL	FRISOPH	HOME	6:00
FEB. 21-22	IHS INDIVIDUAL STATE FINALS	UNIV. OF ILLINOIS		
FEB. 25	IHS STATE SECTIONAL	TBA		
MAR. 1	IHS STATE STATE	TBA		

HEAD COACH: MIKE GARLAND
ASSISTANTS: MARK WHITAKER, ALLEN KIRGAN

FRESHMEN/SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL 1996

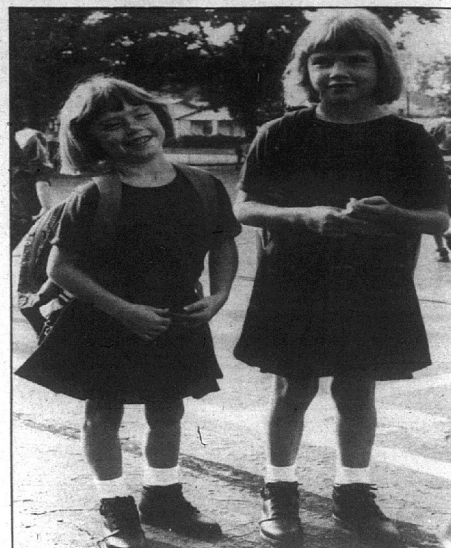
DEC. 4	EDWARDSVILLE	FR/SOPH	HOME	6:00
DEC. 5	CIVIC MEMORIAL	FR/SOPH	HOME	6:00
DEC. 11	ALTON	FR/SOPH	HOME	6:00
DEC. 12	MASCOUTAH	FR/SOPH	AWAY	6:00
DEC. 15	BELLEVILLE EAST	FR/SOPH	AWAY	6:00

People



DeSiree McIntyre looks for her name on the showing the students which room to report to on her first day as a Harris School third grader. Venice and Madison students started school Tuesday.

(Staff photos by JOHN FRESI)



Twins Amber and Ashley Clark show off their new matching outfits for their first day in second grade at Harris School in Madison.

It's back-to-school time



Harris School third grader Ryan Levy shows a new pencil to his classmate, Brandon Norman, as the two get reacquainted on the first day of class.



Harris School kindergarten teacher Louella Moreland introduces herself to her class on the first day of school.



First grade teacher Mary Medley tells her class what to expect during their first year of all-day classes at Harris School.



Demetrick Jefferson gets a name tag from teacher Becky Sedabres at the start of class. Kenneth Sloane waits for help finding his classroom.



Tiana Lang, left, and Gyra Johnson, right, twirl a jump rope for Tori Bolton while playing before the first day of class at Harris School.



Second-grader Sean Austin shows his teacher, Becky Sedabres, some of his new school supplies.

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Thursday, Aug. 29
The moon shifts into intuitive Pisces, inspiring psychic dreams and meaningful soul searching. Listen to those inner voices, even if you decide not to act on them. They need to be heard or they will lose volume. The evening is for connecting with pals and lovers on more than one level. Your family asks you to put up with a little moodiness.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
Time alone gears you up for a big win this afternoon. Premotions are fulfilled in the most

unlikely setting. Do everything in your power to enhance the mood of a date. Express your concerns in a gentle way with a loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Your determination attracts a promotion. Work you are proud of is taken to a higher level when you make minor changes. At the request of a kind critic, Singles meet romantic interests by taking themselves for an evening treat.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21)
Answers to a career puzzle come to you over lunch. A strong-willed friend has news of money on its way. Divide household chores more equitably. The rewards of an investment include a romantic perk.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)
Career decisions made in the morning have a special touch of luck. An attention-getting smile encourages a proposition from romantic interest. The boss is impressed by your compatibility with fellow workers.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
A romantic situation improves if you take an aggressive stance. Your name circulates in a

favorable tone when you return favors out of the blue. Take time for a neighborly chat and you'll feel refreshed and relaxed.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Spirited conversation leads to a monumental sale. A friend who is an expert positive thinker passes the torch to you. A game exercises your creativity in the evening. A Scorpio or Pisces wants to open a line of communication.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)
A brilliant strategy is the brainchild of you and two friends. What you believe was a hard fact about your current love should be reexamined. Challenge a family member to a contact sport.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21)
Courtesy is the key to a romantic interest's heart. A lasting, positive impression is made on the boss when you are caught double-checking your sources and data. Creative work brings in money.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
Your family rewards you for settling a dispute between siblings. At work, a poor listener gives you full attention when you make aggressive eye contact. A financial burden is lifted when you seek advice.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
A learned manipulation technique turns out to be an honest way to get what you want in love. Income this

afternoon depends on discipline. What is first perceived as a threat from a past rival is actually a peace symbol.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
You earn a reputation for your personal style by being particularly cool with a client. Request a vote of confidence. Associates feel unneeded. Find a logical stopping point while working on an artistic project.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
A love relationship begins when the first move is made by you. Ask for advice or assistance from a wise youth.

A strong financial foundation develops out of your consistent eye for a bargain.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Aug. 29)
Romance begins with a thoughtful, aggressive client or co-worker. Take weekend seminars and read books on motivation and leadership in September, when your earning power is directly related to your ability to manage and inspire. Choose dates carefully in late November, when just about anybody can fall in love with you. Your luckiest bets for love are Cancer or Leo.

'96, '97 fine arts series underway

The 1996-97 McKendree College Fine Arts Series began Tuesday, Aug. 20, with the Robert and Grace Renner Welch Endowed Opening Performance featuring Windfire, a flute and percussion duo, in Pearsons Hall at the McKendree College campus, Lebanon.

From the music of the Kabuki Theater to scarf dances of Argentina; from Civil War file and drum flourishes to the days of vaudeville; from 17th century court dances of Italy to 20th Century France; Windfire provided a world tour jam-packed into one performance of flute and percussion. John and Paula Kanice captivate audiences with their unique style and blend of virtuosic flute and percussion.

Four other Fine Arts Series performances are scheduled during the upcoming academic year. Nancy S. Ypma, a dynamic virtuoso and an internationally acclaimed organist will perform a program of music celebrating the 25th birthday of the Bosch tracker pipe organ located in the McKendree College chapel. She will perform Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. in Bothwell Chapel. The Bach Chamber Chorus

will perform Feb. 7 at 8 p.m. in Bothwell Chapel. The chorus is comprised of members of the highly acclaimed Bach Society of St. Louis. The chorus, under the direction of Dennis Sparger, will perform choral works of Bach as well as other famous composers.

Saint Louis Brass Quintet takes center stage March 9 at 7:30 p.m. in Bothwell Chapel. The quintet's performance ranges from the light music of P.D.Q. Bach and Dixieland to the great music of the masters for brass; from the works of today back to the magnificent baroque. Saint Louis Brass Quintet accentuates concerts with humorous antics and a zaniness that audiences love.

Jennifer Shadle Peters, an accomplished vocalist who established the Edwardsville Children's Chorus, will conclude the McKendree College 1996-97 Fine Arts Series with a performance April 29 at 7:30 p.m. in Pearsons Hall. Jennifer Peters is a sensational soloist who has performed in roles from opera to musical theater. Her vigorous vocal recitals provide an excellent evening of entertainment.

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